GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT AND WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines for correction of system deficiencies for providing assistance under Command Area Development and Water Management Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals for correction of system deficiencies for 36-canal system of Chambal Command Area;

(d) if so, the details and current status thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;

(e) whether the Government proposes to reimburse funds every year as per the expenditure so that work is not hampered due to shortage of funds and benefit start immediately; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the guidelines, financial assistance is provided for correction of system deficiencies in minors and distributaries of capacity up to 4.25 cumecs(150 cusecs). The work of correction of system deficiencies has to be carried out only in those distributaries / minors where legalized Water Users` Associations (WUAs) and their federations at minor/ distributary level have been formed and are active. Further, the work can be carried out only in those distributaries/ minors under which all On-Farm Development works have been completed. Also the distributary / minor committees should be willing to take over the systems after correction of system deficiencies.

(c)&(d) The Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals for correction of system deficiencies for 40 canal systems of Chambal Command Area out of which proposals of 20 distributaries/ minors have been sanctioned in which On-Farm Development works have been completed. The details of the proposals submitted by the State Government and the proposal approved are given in the enclosed statement.

(e) The funds will be reimbursed to the State Government only after handing over of the system to the legalized WUAs formed under the Rajasthan Farmers` Participation in Management of Irrigation Act 2000.

(f) The projects which have already been approved are likely to be completed by the State Government during current financial year.